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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF OREGON

PORTLAND DIVISION

KATHLEEN MENARD

Plaintiff

vs

CURALEAF, INC.

Defendant

Case No. 3:21-cv-1433

PRODUCTS LIABILITY

28 U.S.C. § 1332

Demand for Jury Trial

1.

JURISDICTION AND THE PARTIES

This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the amount in controversy requirement is satisfied and the parties are citizens of different states.

2.

Plaintiff is a citizen of the state of Oregon.

3.

Defendant is a citizen of the state of Delaware.

4.

Venue is proper in the state of Oregon under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to plaintiff's claim occurred in Oregon and defendant is registered to do business in Oregon with the Oregon Secretary of State Corporate Division and defendant maintains a registered agent in Oregon and defendant regularly supplies, distributes, markets, and sells its Select CBD Drops in Oregon in the course of its business.

5.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

On or around September 18, 2021 in Portland, Oregon, plaintiff consumed Select CBD Drops that were designed, produced, manufactured, labeled, supplied, inspected, tested, distributed, marketed, advertised, and sold by defendant.

6.

Defendant labeled, marketed, advertised and sold the Select CBD Drops consumed by plaintiff as containing cannabidiol (CBD), which does not produce intoxicating effects.

7.

In reality, the Select CBD Drops consumed by plaintiff contained tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), a psychoactive compound in cannabis that produces intoxicating effects.

8.

In Oregon, drops containing THC are not permitted to be sold to consumers without a warning label.

9.

THC is not fit for unintentional human consumption, as it can impair a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle and cause unwanted anxiety, panic, and acute psychosis.

10.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

– Products Liability –

As alleged in this complaint, defendant was negligent by creating its tainted Select CBD Drops product which contained THC, which was a foreign object and not permitted to be sold to consumers without a warning label and not fit for unintentional human consumption. Defendant designed, produced, manufactured, labeled, supplied, inspected, tested, distributed, marketed, and advertised the tainted CBD Drops product which plaintiff ingested, not knowing that defendant's CBD Drops product actually contained THC. Defendant was negligent by failing to exercise quality control standards of its products which would have detected THC inside its Select CBD Drops. Defendant was negligent by offering a tainted product which contained a dangerous foreign object which was likely to cause harm and unwanted health consequences when unintentionally consumed. Defendant promotes the quality and safety of its products. Yet, none of defendant's Select CBD Drops advertisements or packaging contain labels warning consumers that Select CBD Drops may be contaminated and tainted with foreign objects like THC that is not permitted to be sold to consumers without a warning label and not fit for unintentional human consumption.

11.

Defendant was negligent by not using reasonable care and for failing to warn or instruct plaintiff about the condition of its Select CBD Drops. Due to defendant's negligence, plaintiff experienced harm including unwanted hallucinations, confusion, stress, anxiety, psychosis, discomfort, and distress lasting over 24 hours, and interference with life activities. Accordingly, plaintiff respectfully requests judgment against defendant for economic and non-economic damages in amounts determined by the jury to be fair and reasonable. Defendant's acts and omissions as alleged in this complaint showed a reckless and outrageous indifference to a highly unreasonable risk of harm and defendant acted with a conscious indifference to the health, safety and welfare of others. As a result, plaintiff also seeks punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the jury not to exceed 1% of defendant's net worth.

12.

Request for jury trial.

13.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff seeks relief against defendant as sought above, and for maximum interest, taxable costs, and for any other relief the Court may determine is fair and proper. Plaintiff retains the right to amend this complaint to include new parties and new claims as new information is learned in discovery.

September 30, 2021

RESPECTFULLY FILED,

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